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TITLE: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING A PULSE POSITION

FOR A SIGNAL ENCODED BY A PULSE MODULATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 20 and 21.

Please amend claims 18 and 19 as rewritten below:

ecolving method comprising: determining 18. (Amended) the quality of at least two digital signals (S), by

sampling each dightal signal (S) with a number n of samples per defined pulse width, whereby $n \ge 1$;